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OBJECT DETECTING APPARATUS AND
INTRUDING OBJECT MONITORING
APPARATUS EMPLOYING THE OBJECT
DETECTING METHOD

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This is a decision on the petition filed July 10, 2006, styled as a "petition to withdraw terminal disclaimer before issuance of the patent under 37 CFR 1.182."

The petition is **dismissed**.

While it is recognized that the instant petition was filed shortly before issuance, it was unfortunately not brought to the attention of an appropriately empowered deciding official until after the patent issued. The delay is regretted. As explained in MPEP 1490, subsection B, once the patent has issued, the USPTO will not nullify the effect of a recorded terminal disclaimer.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be addressed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3217.

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